WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. Victim names, addresses and phone numbers are exempt from disclosure under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, only Victim Services staff will have access to this information.

Victim Services Unit Nevada Department of Corrections P.O. Box 7011 Carson City, Nevada 89702

Office hours are 7:00am – 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. During nonoffice hours, you may leave a confidential message. Your call will be returned by a VSU staff person.

Toll Free in NV: 1-888-333-6076 Carson City: 1-775-887-3393 or 1-775-887-3216

Website: www.ndoc.state.nv.us

♦Important Reminder **♦**

If you are enrolled with the VSU, and your name, address or telephone number changes, please notify us so that we can ensure that you do not miss any important information.



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CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS

The Nevada Constitution and Nevada Revised Statute 209.521 provide for certain rights to victims of crime. The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC), upon the written request of a victim, must provide notification to victims regarding an offender's status and release during their incarceration, as well as other information as outlined further in this brochure.

WHO IS A VICTIM?

An individual who suffers direct or threatened physical, financial or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime is considered a "victim". Other persons such as the spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent or guardian may also qualify as a victim if the victim is deceased or is physically unable to exercise the privileges and rights of the victim.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH NDOC?

Victims can call our in-state toll-free number at 1-888-333-6076; the victims unit at either 1-775-887-3216 or 1-775-887-3393; or visit the website at www.ndoc.state.nv.us to obtain information concerning the offender, *i.e.*, location, parole eligibility date, and pending hearing dates as more fully described below.

HOW DO I REQUEST TO BE NOTIFIED?

You may request notification by completing an NDOC Victim Notification Request available from the prosecuting attorney or by contacting the NDOC Victim Services Unit.

WHAT CAN I BE NOTIFIED OF?

- The <u>earliest parole eligibility date</u> of the offender with all potential good time or disciplinary credits considered. This is the earliest date that an offender can be considered for parole.
- The <u>name and address of the facility</u> where the offender is housed and the offender's prison identification number. The prison identification number will allow the victim to obtain information from the NDOC website more efficiently.
- The release of the offender to a community residential program. This is a community center or facility operated by NDOC in which convicted felons who have been imprisoned are supervised prior to parole. Convicted felons are carefully screened for this "community status" and are required to work or be in school while living in these facilities.
- Discharge release of the offender.
 This notice will be sent 60 days before the offender is discharged on his or her maximum sentence. You will also

- be notified if the offender is to be released by court order.
- Notice of a public hearing regarding a reprieve, commutation or pardon of the offender's sentence by the Governor. In addition, a notice will be sent if a reprieve, commutation, or pardon is granted.
- Escape of the offender. In the event of an escape, the Victim Services Coordinator will notify the victim by telephone within one hour of the escape. This telephone notification will be followed by a written notification to the victim. As a result, it is very important that victims inform the Victim Services Unit of any changes in telephone numbers.
- The victim's right to address or submit a written statement for consideration by the NDOC Psych Panel. This notice will be given not less than 60 days before the Psych Panel begins consideration.
- ➤ <u>Legal Name Change</u>. Notification will be sent if an offender legally changes his or her name while under the jurisdiction of the NDOC.
- Current photograph of the offender. A photograph of the offender upon release from NDOC custody can be obtained.